

CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: John Allen

The Citizens' Advisory Committee scheduled for June 8, 2009 was cancelled.

Economic & Community Development

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee had a joint meeting with the Environment and Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday, May 26th. The Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) gave two presentations, the first of which was an inventory of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Chicago Region. The purpose of the study was to understand how consuming energy in a variety of ways causes emissions. The analysis focused on emissions from five industry sectors – Energy, Transportation, Waste and Wastewater, Industrial Processes and Product Use, Agriculture and Livestock, and Aviation. The second presentation was an overview on the preliminary findings of the Regional Energy Snapshot offering a detailed synopsis on energy consumption in the region, in each county, and highlighted 6 “case study” municipalities. Potential strategies to reduce energy consumption in the region were highlighted, with recommendations including green building renovation and construction, the use of energy saving appliances, and conversion to solar and wind power for utilities. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources committee met on May 26 in a joint session with the Economic and Community Development committee to discuss work being done by the Center for Neighborhood Technology on energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction for the GO TO 2040 plan. This meeting replaced the June meeting. The next meeting is July 1.

Housing

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The CMAP Housing Committee met on Thursday, May 21st. Tara Peele, from the Illinois Housing Development Authority provided the committee with a brief presentation on IHDA's new Statewide Housing Locator website that will show statewide rental opportunities located alongside services. IHDA is acting as the Housing Locator Project Liaison on behalf of its Illinois Money Follows the Person Demonstration partners: Department on Aging, Department of Human Services and Department of Healthcare and Family Services. Nicole Nutter of the Regional Transportation Authority provided the housing committee a draft of the RTA's Jobs Housing policy and asked committee members to submit comments for the RTA's review. Beth Dever and Lee Deuben provided updates on the foreclosure legislation activity and other foreclosure initiatives. Lee Deuben solicited comments and feedback from the committee on the

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prospect of CMAP taking the lead on a regional application and strategy for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds as part of ARRA. Last, Annie Byrne presented to the committee a *GO TO 2040* Inclusionary Zoning Strategy Panel Discussion and solicited feedback from committee members for refinement in the strategy methodology and analysis.

Human Services

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services committee met in May and June. At the May meeting there were presentations on workforce development and Human Relations as part of the partnership between CMAP and the Chicago Community Trust. There was also a focus on examining CMAP's scenarios and the effects that they may have on seniors or individuals with disabilities, as well as a discussion on the various CMAP scenarios that are part of *GO TO 2040*. This discussion was continued to the June meeting. Some of CMAP's mapping initiatives, as they relate to health facilities using the Dun and Bradstreet data were presented along with an update on 2-1-1 legislation and planning. The committee chose a new chair, Sheri Cohen from the Chicago Department of Public Health. The previous chair, Phil Smith is retiring and moving out of state.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The Land Use Committee met on May 20, beginning with an update on both DRI and potential house and senate support for the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund. Eleanor Roemer representing Friends of the Parks summarized the primary elements of the draft *Last Four Miles* plan to complete Chicago's lakefront in keeping with the 1909 *Plan of Chicago*. Continuing a general theme of impacts on Lake Michigan, Dr. Tim Loftus of CMAP staff briefed the committee on the work of the Regional Water Supply Planning group and the draft regional water conservation plan. Erin Aleman enlisted the Committee's engagement in the *GO TO 2040* "Inventing the Future" workshops and public activities occurring over the summer using the MetroQuest tool. The Committee next meets on June 17.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee met May 15, 2009 and was briefed on the May 13, 2009 Planning Coordinating Committee meeting. Items for consideration included: the capital project evaluation and definition of what constitutes a major project; the committee was informed that RTA's 2009 financial budget and marks would be amended at its May 21st meeting; the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) revisions including ARRA funded projects were approved; evaluation measures for major capital projects and scenario evaluation for *GO TO 2040* were reviewed and discussed by committee; modifications to the evaluation measures

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based on comments offered at the April Transportation Committee meeting and other working committee meetings were discussed and then approved; and a brief report on the outline of the financial plan which will determine the transportation projects financial constraints was presented. CMAP is coordinating with the RTA on the transit components of the plan and a detailed update will be presented at future transportation committee meetings. The committee also heard of the different alternatives and options available to the public for participation in the *GO TO 2040* process through the kiosks, the CMAP web site and/or participating in the public outreach sessions. CMAP's interactive software tool to be used during the public outreach process was demonstrated. The ongoing evaluation of alternative scenarios, each of which is a combination of transportation and non-transportation policies and investments were discussed and comments requested. Strategies involving parking policy, off-peak transit service improvements, transit wait time, and transit-oriented development, and presenting results in terms of per capita change to account for the region's growth were suggested. Mr. Chris Synder is replacing Mr. Tom Cuculich as the DuPage County representative and Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee.

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